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Draft decisions submitted by the Chairman

Draft decision I
Integrated Management Information System

The General Assembly:

(a) Takes note of the twelfth progress report of the Secretary-General on the Integrated Management Information System project;[1]

(b) Endorses the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.[2]

Draft decision II
Review and assessment of the asbestos problem at the United Nations and management of asbestos-containing materials at buildings at Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi and at the locations of the regional commissions

The General Assembly:

(a) Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the review and assessment of the asbestos problem at the United Nations and the management of asbestos-containing materials at buildings at Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi and at the locations of the regional commissions[3] and of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report;[4]

(b) Welcomes the continuing efforts of the Secretary-General to solve the problem at United Nations Headquarters and at some other duty stations.

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[1] A/55/632.
[2] See A/55/7/Add.8.
[3] A/55/135.
[4] A/55/7/Add.1, paras. 2-12.

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Draft decision III
Facilities management

The General Assembly:

(a) Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on facilities management;[5]

(b) Endorses the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report;[6]

(c) Also takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the Overseas Properties Management and Information Exchange Network: a globally coordinated collaborative approach to facilities management;[7]

(d) Endorses the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report.[8]

Draft decision IV
Profitability of the commercial activities of the United Nations

The General Assembly:

(a) Takes note of the intention of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[9] to review the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed measures to improve the profitability of the commercial activities of the United Nations;[10]

(b) Decides to revert to this question during the main part of its fifty-sixth session on the basis of the anticipated report of the Advisory Committee.

Draft decision V
Construction of additional conference facilities at Bangkok and Addis Ababa

The General Assembly:

(a) Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the construction of additional conference facilities at Bangkok and Addis Ababa[11] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[12]

(b) Decides to retain the existing balance of the construction-in-progress account in that account pending its consideration of all related matters in accordance with the procedure established by resolution 37/237 of 21 December 1982.

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[5] A/54/628.
[6] A/55/7/Add.1, paras. 13-20.
[7] A/55/210.
[8] A/55/7/Add.1, paras. 21-23.
[9] A/55/7/Add.1, para. 39.
[10] A/55/546.
[11] A/55/493.
[12] A/55/7/Add.7.

Draft decision VI
Security arrangements at the United Nations Office at Geneva

The General Assembly:

(a) Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the security arrangements at the United Nations Office at Geneva, including envisioned financial arrangements[13] and the related observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(b) Requests the Secretary-General to keep the security arrangements at the United Nations Office at Geneva under review to ensure the full protection of delegates, staff and visitors in the United Nations premises and the safety of the United Nations property at Geneva.

Draft decision VII
Common services

The General Assembly, having considered the report of the Secretary-General on common services:[14]

(a) Endorses the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[15]

(b) Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session on the progress made and decisions taken on the future of the Task Force on Common Services, bearing in mind the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee referred to in paragraph (a) above.

Draft decision VIII
Internal and external printing practices of the Organization

The General Assembly, having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the internal and external printing practices of the Organization:[16]

(a) Endorses the comments and observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report on the subject;[17]

(b) Requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to further improve the printing practices of the Organization, bearing in mind the documentation requirements of Member States mandated by the General Assembly in its relevant resolutions, and expanding the use of the United Nations printing facilities as a common service for the needs of the United Nations funds and programmes based at Headquarters and the specialized agencies based at Geneva.

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[13] A/55/511.
[14] A/55/461.
[15] A/55/7/Add.1, paras. 24-29.
[16] A/55/132.
[17] A/55/7/Add.1, paras. 30-38.